



Department of State

F760011-1431

TELEGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED 110

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00363 180014Z

85

ACTION JPM 04

DECLASSIFICATION DATE 9-13-76

PER Dechowig OFFICE En

FADRC FOI CASE NO. 630345 MacLennan

INFO EUR 15, IO 13, ACDA 16, CIAE 00, DODE 00, H 02, INR 07, L 03, NSAE 00,

NSC 10, P 04, RSC 01, SP 02, SS 20, USIA 12, RSR DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

P 172345Z MAR 69

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4438

INFO USMISSION GENEVA POUCH

UNCLAS SECTION ONE OF TWO OTTAWA 363

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS IN PARL
US ABM SYSTEM

REF: STATE 40630

1. SUMMARY. IN LENGTHY EXCHANGE ON US ABM DECISION DURING HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD MAR. 17, PRIMIN TRUDEAU SAID THERE HAD BEEN CONSULTATION IN PAST BETWEEN US AND GOC ON SUBJECT, GOC HAD BEEN ADVISED THOUGH NOT CONSULTED IN ADVANCE OF SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT, AND, WHILE HE DENIED HE BELIEVED SAFEGUARD SYSTEM ESCALATED CHANCE OF CONFLICT, HE THOUGHT IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS WHETHER US POLICY "IS ONE THAT PROTECTS ALL OF HUMANITY" NOT JUST CERTAIN CITIES. END SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT FROM UNCLEARED HANSARD "BLUES."

2. ROBERT L. STANFIELD (LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION): MR. SPEAKER, OUT OF RESPECT FOR ST. PATRICK I AM NOT GOING TO ASK THE PRIME MINISTER A QUESTION ABOUT HOUSING TODAY, BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT HAS STUDIED THE DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BUILD AN ANTI-MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEM AND IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS CONSIDERED THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR CANADA OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION?

3. PRIMIN TURDEAU: MR. SPEAKER, WE HAVE BEGUN

UNCLASSIFIED

03115501030

REVIEWED BY Michael J. Purvis DATE 7/15/81
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☒
DECLASSIFIED ☐ / RELEASABLE ☐
RELEASE DENIED ☐
AND FOR EXEMPTIONS

Ottawa 363
3/17/69



Department of State TELEGRAM

F760011-1432

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00363 180014Z

TO CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT DECISION WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED ONLY AT THE END OF LAST WEEK. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TODAY TO INDICATE THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW FROM IT EXCEPT PERHAPS TO SAY THAT WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THE IMPORTANT FACTOR TO CONSIDER IN ALL THIS IS THAT WE OUGHT TO AVOID AN ESCALATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THAT REMAINS OUR POSITION. WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO SAY WHERE, IN OUR VIEW, THE DECISION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN WILL LEAD TO.

4. STANFIELD: A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, MR. SPEAKER, SINCE THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM WILL MEAN THAT INTERCEPTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE OVER CANADA, IS THE PRIME MINISTER FREE TO TELL THE HOUSE WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULTED THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON THIS MATTER AND WHETHER CANADA MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES IN THIS REGARD.

5. TRUDEAU: WELL, MR. SPEAKER, THERE HAS BEEN CONSULTATION ON THIS AT VARIOUS STAGES. BUT I AM NOT PREPARED TODAY TO STATE THAT THE CONSIDERATIONS OF CANADIANS SAFETY WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW FROM THIS POSITION ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN CONSIDERATIONS OF THE SAFETY AND FUTURE OF THE WORLD. IN OTHER WORDS, I DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN THE POSITION WHERE, IN ARGUING THE CANADIAN POINT OF VIEW FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CONSIDERATIONS OF FALLOUT IN CANADA, WE SHOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM SAYING THAT WE DO NOT WANT THIS KIND OF DEFENCE AT ALL. I HOPE THAT IS CLEAR. I DO NOT WANT TO ARGUE THE CANADIAN CASE IF IT MEANS A LITTLE MORE PROTECTION FOR US AND THEREFORE LESS PROTECTION FOR THE PEACE AND FUTURE OF THE WORLD. THEREFORE I CANNOT ANSWER THE QUESTION.

6. STANFIELD: A FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, MR. SPEAKER, CONSIDERING THAT MR. GEORGE IGNATIEFF, OUR CHIEF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATOR, HAS STATED THAT CANADA IS IN THE MOST DANGEROUS POSITION OF ANY COUNTRY, THE DANGER STEMMING FROM THE ARMS RACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR, AND THAT ADVANCES IN WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING THE A.B.M. SYSTEM, REQUIRE FURTHER STUDIES AND ARE NOT BEING STUDIED AS THEY OUGHT TO BE, AND CONSIDERING THAT CANADA IS MOST VITALLY INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER, IS

UNCLASSIFIED

03145001000



Department of State
F760011-1433
TELEGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED

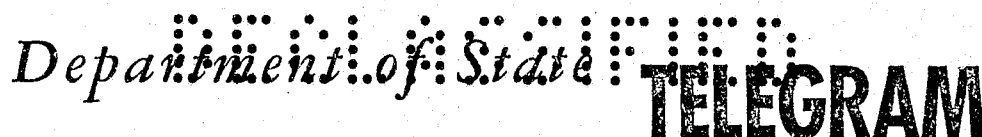
PAGE 03 OTTAWA 00363 180014Z

IT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNEMENT TO SET UP AN INTERDEPART-
MENTAL TASK FORCE OR TAKE OTHER ACTION TO INSURE THAT IT IS
FULLY CONVERSANT AT ALL TIMES WITH THE IMPLICATIONS FOR
CANADA OF THESE NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS.

7 TRUDEAU: WELL, MR. SPEAKER, I REPEAT, THIS KIND OF
CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

03 15 08 17 30



TELEGRAM

83

INFO EUR 15, IO 13, CIAE 00, DODE 00, H 02, INR 07, L 03, NSAE 00, NSC 10.

UNCLASSIFIED

47



Department of State
F760011-1435
TELEGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00363 180036Z

10. DOUGLAS: A FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, MR. SPEAKER. SINCE ANY INTERCEPTION OF SOVIET MISSILES WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY TAKE PLACE OVER CANADIAN SOIL, MAY I ASK THE PRIME MINISTER WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE?

11. ERIK NIELSEN (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE): THEY MAY BE CHINESE MISSILES.

12. TRUDEAU: MR. SPEAKER, THE LEADER OF THE NDP IS ASKING ME TO REPEAT THE ANSWER I HAVE JUST GIVEN TO THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

13. DOUGLAS: ON A POINT OF ORDER, MR. SPEAKER. THE PRIME MINISTER IS UNDER THE MISAPPREHENSION THAT I AM ASKING THE QUESTION ASKED BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. I AM ASKING IF THERE WILL BE, NOT IF THERE HAVE BEEN, DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

14. TRUDEAU: I SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSULTATION, MR. SPEAKER, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD KEPT US INFORMED AT VARIOUS STAGES AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO DISCUSS IT. I REPEAT ONCE AGAIN I DO NOT THINK THE PROBLEM OF CANADIAN INTEREST OR EVEN THE CONSTITUENCY OF THE RIGHT HON. MEMBER WHO SITS TO THE RIGHT OF THE LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY TAKES FIRST PLACE OVER THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SANITY IN THE WORLD. I AM NOT INTERESTED IN PROTECTING A FEW CANADIAN CITIES IF THIS MEANS WE WILL BE CONSENTING TO A KIND OF POLICY WHICH WE THINK IS DANGEROUS TO THE WORLD.

15. DOUGLAS: CAN I ASK THE PRIME MINISTER IF ANY FACILITIES OF NORAD, PARTICULARLY THE WARNING SYSTEMS, WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH THESE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILES? IF SO, IS CANADA TO BE CONSULTED WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF THE NORAD FACILITIES?

16. TRUDEAU: OF COURSE CANADA WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE THIS SYSTEM IS INTEGRATED. IF IT WERE TO BE INTEGRATED

UNCLASSIFIED

001115000000



Department of State TELEGRAM

F768C11-1436

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 OTTAWA 00363 180036Z

INTO NORAD, THE PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT NORAD DOES NOT COVER THE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILES AND IT COULD NOT COVER THE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILES WITHOUT OVER GIVING CONSENT.

17. J.G. Diefenbaker: THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SAID, MR. SPEAKER, THAT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS ONE THING TO WHICH HE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED. I AM GLAD TO NOTE THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE SINCE 1963 IN THAT REGARD ON THE PART OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PRIME MINISTER IF ANY CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PLACING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES THE SUGGESTION THAT INSTEAD OF HAVING THESE INSTALLATIONS AT GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA AND MAELSTROM AIR FORCE BASE IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THAT THEY BE PLACED FURTHER SOUTH? ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE TO BE PLACED IN THESE LOCATIONS. THIS WILL MEAN THAT INCOMING RUSSIAN MISSILES AIMED AT THESE TWO BASES WOULD ACTUALLY BRING ABOUT FALLOUT IN AN AREA STRETCHING FROM PENTICTON TO EDMONTON, THEN TO SASKATOON, NORTH TO PRINCE ALBERT AND ALSO TO LAKE WINNIPEG AND FORT WILLIAM.

18. TRUDEAU: THE QUESTIONS FROM THE OPPOSITION, MR. SPEAKER, ALL SEEM TO LEAD TO THE SAME THING. THEY WANT TO PROTECT A PARTICULAR CITY. I AM MORE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT THE POLICY WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY THE UNITED STATES IS ONE THAT PROTECTS ALL OF HUMANITY, NOT THE PEOPLE OF PRINCE ALBERT ALONE.

19. Diefenbaker: THEY DON'T NEED ANY PROTECTION.

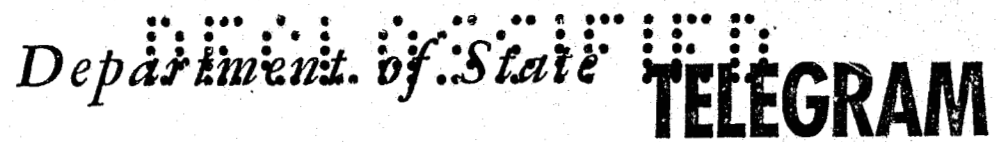
20. TRUDEAU: THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS IF THESE INSTALLATIONS ARE USED, THE WHOLE POLICY WILL HAVE FAILED AS WELL AS HUMANITY. THIS KIND OF A SECONDARY QUESTION WHETHER ONE CITY IS COVERED OR NOT.

21. Diefenbaker: MAY I RISE A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE? THERE WAS NO SUCH SUGGESTION. THE SUGGESTION WAS THAT IF THESE TWO BASES WERE MOVED SOUTH INTO THE UNITED STATES, THE THE FALLOUT WOULD BE OVER THE UNITED STATES INSTEAD OF COVERING THE AREA OF WESTERN CANADA.

22. Stanfield: MR. SPEAKER, I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK THE

UNCLASSIFIED

031159Z 77000



UNCLASSIFIED